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NINTH ANNUAL FEDERAL "DUCK STAMP" DESIGN CONTEST ANNOUNCED

The ninth annual Federal "duck stamp" contest to select a design for the 1958-59 issue of these stamps which duck hunters must purchase will open this year on August 1 and close on November 1, Daniel H. Janzen, Director of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife of the Department of the Interior announced today.

Wildlife artists who desire to enter their drawings in the contest should submit them on or before the deadline date to the headquarters office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington 25, D. C. Judging of the designs will take place in November by a committee composed of waterfowl authorities.

All interested artists are eligible to enter the contest and may submit as many designs as they wish. Upon request to the Fish and Wildlife Service, prospective contestants will be sent a leaflet containing contest rules and suggestions, along with a copy of the agreement covering reproduction rights. This agreement is to be signed and returned to the Service prior to the contest judging. If an artist submits more than one design, he is required to sign a separate agreement for each one.

At the present time, Director Janzen said, no species will be considered in the judging which has been used on a stamp within the past five years. These include: Blue-winged teal, 1953-54; Ring-necked duck, 1954-55; Blue geese, 1955-56; American merganser, 1956-57; and American Eider, 1957-58.

There is no absolute prohibition against use of a species as a subject which appeared on a stamp prior to 1953-54, the director explained. Most species of ducks and geese with which the average hunter is familiar already have been used and repetition soon will be unavoidable in any event.

Prospective duck stamp artists who have not submitted entries in previous contests should write to the Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Information, Washington 25, D. C., for a free copy of the leaflet, "Rules for the Annual Federal Duck Stamp Contest."

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